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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
OPERATING AND FUNDING A QUESTION
AND ANSWER INTERACTIVE SYSTEM

Examiner: S. G. Rimell

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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